

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims 50-52.

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A sustained-release microparticle comprising:

risperidone, or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof, in crystalline form; and

a biodegradable and biocompatible polymeric matrix.

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51.

The sustained-release microparticle according to claim ²⁰50, wherein said polymeric matrix comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of poly(lactic) acid, poly(glycolic) acid, copolymers of the foregoing, and polyorthoesters.

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52.

A sustained-release microparticle produced by including risperidone, or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof, in the form of crystals into a biodegradable and biocompatible polymer selected from the group consisting of poly(lactic) acid, poly(glycolic) acid, copolymers of the foregoing, and polyorthoesters.--

Remarks

A first Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due and a first Notice of Allowability dated October 16, 1997 were issued for claims 28-30 as presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed February 28, 1997. A Second Preliminary Amendment was filed on October 17, 1997, after prosecution on the merits closed with the mailing of the first Notice of Allowance and first Notice of Allowability on October 16, 1997. The Second Preliminary

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